THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise. However, the Government has announced in June 2006, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities. It envisages regular monitoring at the Central level, once in six months, by a Committee of Secretaries and then by the Cabinet. A close monitoring mechanism has also been established in a majority of the States/UTs.

Scholarship scheme for minority students

403. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount under the merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme has been given to the minority students during the last three years, year-wise, community-wise and State-wise;

(b) when the money is released during a year, in the begining of the year or through the year;

(c) what is the process of getting these scholarships;

(d) whether sufficient publicity has been given to these scholarships so that students could get the benefits of the same; and

(e) if so, the means adopted to popularize the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The scheme of merit-cum means based scholarship to students belonging to minority communities has been launched only in 2007-08. The State/UT-wise and community-wise details as on date, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (e) The details of the scheme are available on the website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.* It has been publicised widely by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and also by State Governments/UT administrations. Fifty top institutions listed in the scheme were informed separately. The scholarship, which includes course fee and maintenance allowance, is released together to the State/UT concerned, for disbursement to the institutes and students concerned.

Statement

Status of State/UT-wise and community-wise distribution of scholarship under the scheme of merit-cum means based scholarship to students belonging to the minority communities

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Scholarships sanctioned						Total amount released (Rs. in crore)
		Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Parsi	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	**Karnataka**	678	105	2	Nil	Nil	785	2.22
2.	**Orissa**	70	9	Nil	2	Nil	81	0.22
3.	**Kerala**	778	627	Nil	Nil	Nil	1405	3.11
4.	**Tamil Nadu**	361	392	Nil	Nil	Nil	753	2.02
5.	**Bihar**	1444	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1444	3.36

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6.	Madhya Pradesh	360	17	15	1	Nil	393	1.04
7.	Goa	8	21	Nil	Nil	Nil	29	0.07
8.	Chandigarh	4	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	5	0.01
9.	Himachal Pradesh	7	Nil	3	1	Nil	11	0.25
10.	Assam	492	9	2	1	Nil	504	1.33
11.	Delhi	142	9	27	Nil	Nil	178	0.46
	TOTAL:	4344	1189	50	5	Nil	5588	14.09

Applications for grants pending with Maulana Azad Education Foundation

404. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications of various institutions of Assam pending with Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for grant/aid;

(b) the details of applications cleared during the current year, alongwith the amount sanctioned in each case;

(c) the steps being taken to clear the remaining applications; and

(d) whether Government is considering to increase the fund allocation pattern for Assam as a special consideration as the number of minorities institutions in the State is increasing?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) 14 applications from various institutions of Assam are pending with the Foundation. Details are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of applications cleared during the current year, so far, are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) In view of the large number of pending applications for grants-in-aid and limited available resources, the Foundation has decided to consider applications received till 2005-2006 before taking up applications received later. It has also decided to give priority to applications received from identified 90 minority concentration districts, of which 13 are in Assam.

Statement-I

MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

List of pending application from the State of Assam

Sl. No.	Name of the NGOs and Full Address	Project Received on	Amount Requested	Purpose
1	2	3	4	5
	ASSAM	**Year 2004-05**		
1.	ALTTAFAQUE Jagannathi, Karimganj-14	06.10.2004	2500000	Construction of 50 Beded Hostel Building
2.	UDALI RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION P.O. Udali Bazar, Distt. Nagaon	13.12.2004	2845000	Construction of Hostel Building
3.	PRAHAR GUSTHI Near Nagaon Polytechnic Colony, Panigaon, Distt. Nagaon-01	08.09.2004	5695287	Construction of Residential School Building